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TROUBLE THICKENS AROUND FRANKFORT

Claims, Claims Everywhere, But Not a Cent to Pay Them.

EDUCATORS ARE EXCITED.

List of Appropriations That May Be Held Up Indefinitely.

Honer in one of his tales relates how Odysseus in departing from the Isle Aeolian, received from Aeolus a wallet in which were confined all the winds. It was stored in the bottom of the boat, and while Odysseus was asleep his companions suspecting that the bag contained some precious gift opened it and let all four of the winds out at once with disastrous results. Whoever steers the good ship of State in Kentucky over the financial depths through the threatened storm of contending winds will have to be an Odysseus that won't go to sleep on the job and must have some lusty fellows on the rowlocks.

The first to open a corner of the wallet and let out a bit of wind was the department of education. With suspicion born of experience, educators apprehended that any policy of "retrenchment and reform" will first be visited upon the schools, because there in times past, it has been found that fewer political influences have been disturbed by the retrenchment. So they are planning to lay before the county superintendents, at a meeting in Frankfort, April 2, and later before the teachers and trustees, at the meeting of the Kentucky Educational Association in this city, a novel plan of organization, whereby the solid influence of 15,000 teachers and superintendents and school trustees of every county, reaching, necessarily, the patrons, will be opposed to any effort to cut into school appropriations.

It's an ambitious scheme, and what the schools to do boldly other interests are doing less ostentatiously, but how effectively will be seen when all the winds are speedily let loose out of the wallet and the boat begins to rock—whether our Odysseus will prove himself no sailor and get sea sick, or the crew will mutiny, or whether they will stick valiantly by the helm and oars. The opinion is growing that the whole Democratic party is riding in that boat, and its fate depends on the boat's weathering the storm. Aeolus can hardly be expected to send it forth from his shores under so auspicious conditions another time in a generation.

SCHOOL FUNDS AT STAKE

What the investigation now being made by the State Inspector and Examiner will develop no one can tell. The school men are taking precautions to protect the welfare of their institutions against misguided retrenchment which would cripple them; but the embarrassment of the administration is foreseen to be in discrimination between the good and the bad. If any one in the educational department has been playing politics for his own benefit, he is going to be the first one to cry out that the schools are attacked and screen himself behind the educational system. While he is doing that and the just school men are trying to protect their institutions from danger, the whole issue of reform is apt to be lost sight of. The program of reform mapped out contemplates an analysis of expenditures of all institutions and departments, it is declared. If anyone has been squandering money in the name of education of anything else, it will be exposed. The summary of all the work will go before the General Assembly eventually and with it the requirements of some departments and institutions for the ensuing two years.

GUARDING APPROPRIATIONS.

The underlying idea, aside from the business-like proposition of informing the General Assembly as to exact conditions, so it can act intelligently, is to get back to the law; to appropriate only such money as the law permits, and to spend it only as the law directs. The Kentucky Court of Appeals long since evolved a rule, known as the doctrine of contemporary construction, which in popular terms means that where the language of a statute is open to two constructions, either of them valid, the construction placed upon it by the official charged with its execution at the time the law was enacted, shall prevail. Three conditions are essential to the application of the doctrine—the language of the statute must be ambiguous, the prevailing construction must have been placed upon it by an official charged with its exe-

cution at the time of its enactment and his construction must be valid. Like all rules of law, it is narrow in its definition by courts and broad as charity in its application by executive officials. Many departmental heads and employees are resting serene behind what they think is contemporaneous construction, who, it is said, will find that the construction was erroneous or invalid or is in fact just a slovenly custom grown up in later years.

The State Inspector and examiner, it seems, is not collating departmental folk-lore, but is going back to the original statutes on the subject of accounts and expenditures, leaving the doctrine of contemporary construction to department heads and the State's legal advisers.

STATE FAIR MONEY.

The fair hope that the inquiry will be pressed to a conclusion apparently is sustained by the indications that the State is in such desperate financial straits that the executive officers could not stop short of thoroughness and a remedy for it, if they would, and the possibility of a Legislature being convened before its appointed hour may ripen into certainty at a crisis already scented. Constitutional questions already have been raised about one appropriation made last year, that of \$30,000 to pay off a debt of the State Fair. That same question involved in other appropriations may precipitate matters. The Attorney General contends that unless the Legislature intended the appropriation to be contingent upon the State treasury at some future, definite date, containing such an amount of money not otherwise appropriated, and at a time when there are not outstanding as much as \$500,000 in floating obligations, it is unconstitutional. The Court of Appeals will pass upon the question. Should it be decided in favor of the Fair Board, the whole deluge of appropriations would fall upon the empty treasury, creating an emergency for legislative treatment, and that right speedily. Should the court, on the other hand, decide adversely to the Fair Board, then would all the other special appropriations be likewise contingent upon circumstances not possible to be realized until the Legislature raises more revenue, and the beneficiaries of the appropriations, who were influential enough to have them passed, might be expected to clamor for a special session, declaring that they asked for bread and were given a stone.—Louisville Post.

A Most Enjoyable Event.

Last Wednesday being Mr. and Mrs. Bill Turner's 33rd wedding anniversary, and their daughter, Miss Lily's birthday, they gave an elegant 6 o'clock dinner. The menu consisted of every thing nice from a fine turkey to dainty desserts. Those present were as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. Babe Pollard and children, Mr. and Mrs. Otha Turner and child, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Mitchell, Mr. Roach, of Breeding, Mrs. Lucy Hudson, Misses Luly and Lily Turner, Etie and Bertha Pollard, Bessie Shearer, Messrs. Everett Turner, Everett Miller, Tom Shearer, Sam McCaffree, Clarence Bell, Mont Pollard and Will Stinson. The Misses Turner and Pollard rendered some fine music and it was an event long to be remembered. May Mr. and Mrs. Turner live to see many more anniversaries, and Lily see many more birthdays. Miss Lily in her charming manner made every one feel at home.

A Quiet Home Affair.

Saturday evening of last week, Mr. Sam Antle, son of Mr. Marion Antle, this place, and Miss Bess Coffey, daughter of J. W. Coffey, were quietly married at the home of the bride, on Bonar Heights, this city, Ed. F. J. Barger officiating in his usual solemn manner. Soon after the ceremony the couple left for the home of the groom's father, where they will reside for the present.

The groom is an industrious young man and he has chosen for his helpmate a very excellent young lady. May prosperity and happiness go with this couple through life, is the wish of the News.

Gen. P. W. Hardin is now a resident of Atlanta, Ga. We learn from the Glasgow Times that he was in Frankfort a few days ago, mingling with friends that he made in that city during the three terms he served the State as its Attorney General. Gen. Hardin was born and reared in Columbia, but nearly all his friends of boyhood days have passed beyond the veil.

MRS. MARY CRAVENS.

She Dies at Middlesboro Sunday Morning at 2 o'clock After a Short Illness

INTERMENT IN COLUMBIA CEMETERY.

The death of the subject of this writing which occurred at Middlesboro Sunday morning, February 9, at 2 o'clock, brought much sorrow to her old home town, though it was known she could not live, according to nature, many more months, being in her 88th year when the summons came. During all these years she had enjoyed remarkably good health, the immediate cause of her demise being the result of a fall, received a few days before the final dissolution.

Mrs. Cravens was the widow of Timoleon Cravens, who in his life time was one of Kentucky's most prominent lawyers. She and her husband were both born and reared in Columbia, and in the struggle for prominence and prosperity, they were surrounded with plenty of this world's goods.

The husband died at the age of 42 years, leaving the widow and six children—Mrs. M. H. Rhorer, Thomas, Isaac, Montgomery, Mary Lee Frazer, Bettie Sampson and Maggie. Three of the number are yet living—Mrs. Rhorer, Montgomery and Mrs. Frazer. Two children, if we remember correctly, died in infancy.

The remains of the deceased were brought to Columbia and to the home of her son, Mr. M. Cravens, arriving about 5:30 Monday afternoon. From the time the body reached this place until the interment, Tuesday morning, the residence was visited by hundreds of friends—viewing the remains of the beloved dead.

Mrs. Cravens was a woman of strong christian character, and had been a most zealous member of the Presbyterian Church since her early girlhood. Even after she reached old age, she regularly taught a Sunday School class, and outside of church and Sabbath school, she constantly admonished the young to strive to attain the high ideals of life.

She was the writers friend and often sent him cheering messages, the last one never to be forgotten.

Having done only good in the world, and knowing that her surviving children and grandchildren were comfortably situated, she could fold her hands across her breast and looking into the face of her Maker, say:

"I would not live away,
I ask not to stay."

The funeral discourse was preached at Middlesboro; but short religious services were conducted here at the church, Rev. J. N. Crawford, officiating. At the close of Mr. Crawford's remarks, Judge H. C. Baker told pathetically of the many noble traits of character of the deceased, after which the remains were conveyed to the city cemetery and there deposited by the side of loved ones.

Those who were familiar with Mrs. Cravens' life and noble christian character know that the world was made better by her having lived in it. The floral offerings were beautiful.

Elsewhere in this issue we publish a clipping from The Louisville Post showing the trend of affairs at Frankfort. It is worth a close painstaking reading and points to a readjustment of matters which vitally effects the welfare and prosperity of the State. Evidently we have reached the turning point, the place where a halt is to be made in the reckless expenditure of the States funds, a place where law must control the fiscal affairs of the commonwealth. Lavish appropriations and increase of expenses to a point nearing a half million dollars in excess of our revenues will not meet the approval of our citizens nor redounded to the advancement of industry. The clamor of the different departments, the demand of various institutions and the pleasure and pride of charities must be reduced to the ability to pay. Retrenchment is necessary, it is indispensable and we heartily endorse the position of the Attorney General who is largely responsible for the awakening. We who know him as a business man and a lawyer expect the closest business methods to prevail where his power and influence can secure it. Regardless of who is hurt or who favored, or whose political fortune destroyed or advanced we expect Mr. Garnett to hie to the life for the best interests of the State as the laws give him power.

St. Valentine day is fast approaching, and the little girls and boys about town are busy making pictures.

BEAUTIFUL WEDDING.

Miss Virginia Hunn and Mr. J. H. Goff Take the Marriage Vows In the Presence of Many Friends.

NOW VISITING IN CUMBERLAND.

One of the most beautiful weddings solemnized in the limits of our city for a long time, occurred when Mr. James Goff and Miss Virginia Hunn took the solemn pledges of matrimony last Wednesday evening at 8:30, in the parlors of the brides' parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hunn, under the impressive ceremony of nuptial vows given by the Rev. W. F. Hogart, Presiding Elder of the M. E. Church. The bride was gowning in a most pleasing and attractive manner combining beauty and simplicity and in full accord with the tenderness and modesty of her living. The bleeding of intelligence, beauty and loved disposition never more conspicuously pointed to admirable womanly virtues than manifested in the daily living of the bride. She is therefore deservedly popular with a large circle of young people and highly appreciated and admired by a host of others of maturer years. For three or four years she has been a faithful teacher and in this line of work merited the confidence and esteem of her many patrons.

The groom is one of our active business young men, a gentleman of integrity good habits, enjoys a broad acquaintance and many friends. He came to this town a few years ago from his native county, Cumberland, engaging in the livery business with his brother, under the firm name Goff Bros. Success has crowned his effort in this line. On the road, grip in hand, he likewise was interested and his going and coming netted good results. He enjoys the confidence of the firm whose business he has been advancing as truly as he does the many friends at home who know him more intimately.

The attendants were Mr. Clyde Crenshaw and Miss Bess Hunn, sister of the bride. This happy married couple left the following day to visit the groom's parents in Cumberland county, but will make their home in our own little city. The high esteem in which both are held was attested by the many who witnessed the nuptial rites in response to formal invitations. The unusual number of beautiful, costly and useful gifts are likewise tokens of love and good will. Not merely a matter of formality, but in sincerity. The News tenders congratulations, trusting that this happy union may pass many decades reaching a golden age through the channel of a happy, prosperous and useful life, that the sunshine of marital love may be so strong as to dispell the trial, vexations and disappointments to which all are heirs.

Tragic Death.

Many young people of Columbia will be sorry to learn of the death of Mr. Frazier Read, the only son of Judge Jas. F. Read, Fort Smith, Ark. While acting as peacekeeper he was shot and killed in his home City last Tuesday. He was a talented young man and had been practicing law for several years. The father of the deceased, who is a prominent attorney, was a son of Rev. H. C. and Ada Read and was born and reared in Columbia, and his many friends deeply feel for him, his companion and daughter, Rebecca, in this their hour of great sorrow. Mrs. Annie Caldwell, of Burdick, Taylor county, was an aunt of the deceased. At our fair August, 1908, was young Read's last visit to Columbia, at which time he formed the acquaintance of all the young people in town and was the life of many social gatherings. The father, an old friend and school mate, well-knows that he and his family have the sympathy of the office and the entire town of Columbia.

Mr. A. W. Kreinheder, of Buffalo, N. Y. and Secretary of the Standard Hardware Lumber Co., was in this town last week. Mr. Kreinheder is a Republican in party affiliation but an optimist over the business outlook. He predicts unprecedented activity in the lumber business for several years and that prosperity will be general.

If our Russell county friends, who have business with this paper, will be in Jamestown next week they will be given an opportunity to see a representative of the publication.

More About the Bond Issue.

Dear Editor:

After hearing the question of issuing bonds for the purpose of building roads in Adair county discussed by tax-payers in this part of the county I find that almost everyone strongly opposes it. Nevertheless, they are in favor of a reasonable road tax, but believe that if the tax they now pay was used in the right way, we would have better roads, that is, to put as much of the tax on one road as another, and not put it all on some road, buying tools ect, while others have none. To prove that this has been done, we ask any man who doubts this statement to visit the western end of the Neatsville and Jamestown road and then tell us what he thinks.

This road has not been worked for two years past, for the very reason the overseer has had no tools for the hands to work with. The overseer has tried different times to obtain tools for the above named road but without success. Whether the Judge thought we had tools or just disliked the looks of the overseer we have never been able to learn.

The majority of the tax-payers are in favor of Mr. Jeffries' plan, to let every magisterial district receive every cent it pays as road taxes for the betterment of its own roads, everyone favors everything said by Mr. Jeffries and Mr. Jones and also Mr. Dudley, in regard to issuing bonds. Everyone feels proud that Adair county affords such men who will at all times stand to the right without fear or favor.

Hoping to hear from others in different parts of the county on this subject I will ring off.

Willie Wheat
Tarter, Ky.

EDUCATE FOR PROFITABLE EMPLOYMENT.

The best education is that which prepares you to earn a HIGHER SALARY. The field that offers the best opportunities to ambitious young men and young women of to-day is found in the modern business office. The education that will best fit you to perform the duties of a competent business assistant can only be had at the Bowling Green Business University. The stepping stone that will place you nearer to the manager's desk and in line for quicker promotion is

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Former Adair County Young Man Dies in California.

Will Ed Willis who made Columbia his home several years ago died at his late home Brutte city, Cal., where he resided the last two years with his sister, Mrs. Ed Ross, at that place. He leaves 5 sisters and 2 brother, Mrs. Ed Ross, Mrs. John Price and Walter Willis, of Brutte city, Cal., Mrs. Albert Miller, Mrs. Olie Conover and Oliver Willis, of Columbia, Mrs. Susie Chief, of Knifley besides a host of friends to mourn their loss.

A Sister.

No Need to Stop Work

When the doctor orders you to stop work it staggers you. I can't, you say. You know you are weak, run down and failing in health day by day but you must work as long as you can stand. What you need is Electric Bitters to give tone, strength and vigor to your system, to prevent breakdown and build you up. Don't be weak, sickly or ailing when Electric Bitters will benefit you from the first dose. Thousands bless them for their glorious health and strength. Try them. Every bottle is guaranteed to satisfy. Only 50c. at Paul Drug Co.

Interest in Odd-Fellowship is rapidly growing in Columbia. There has been quite a number of additions, in recent weeks, to the lodge at this place, and at this time there are four or five petitions to be acted on.

KILLED WHILE AIDING POLICEMAN

Story of the Tragic Death of Young Frazier Read in Fort Smith, Ark.

The following particulars of the killing of Frazier Read is taken from the Louisville Post of last Thursday:

James Frazier Read, Jr., son of Judge J. F. Read, formerly a resident of Louisville, was shot to death in Fort Smith, Ark., Tuesday, when he went to the assistance of a policeman who was having a struggle with a negro he had placed under arrest. The negro wrested the policeman's pistol from him and shot Read and the officer.

News of Mr. Read's tragic fate had been received here as told in the Evening Post, but the details were lacking.

Mr. Read was on his way to his law office in Fort Smith when he was slain. Policeman Fentress had arrested the negro, was taking him to jail. He had drawn his revolver to cow the prisoner, and the latter, while the policeman was off guard, sprang on him and tried to wrest the pistol from him.

A struggle followed and was in progress when Read came along. Seeing the officer's desperate plight, Read rushed to his aid, but before he could do anything the negro had gained the pistol and shot the policeman and Read.

One bullet passed through Read's body and he died in a few hours later. The policeman was shot through the legs and is expected to recover. The murderer escaped.

Frazier Read was twenty-four years old. He had attended Culver, Mooney, Vanderbilt and Michigan colleges, and was prominent in Southern athletics. He had many friends in Louisville.

Honorable Harvey Helm.

Mr. Chesterfield Turner,
Columbia, Ky.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of the communication stating the action and attendants on the mass meeting presided over by Judge Moss as Chairman and yourself as Secretary, and in response to same have to state that I will take pleasure in voting as requested when the matter referred to comes before the House.

With very kind regards, I am,
Very truly,

Harvey Helm.

The above is a letter in reply to the communication of the mass meeting held last Sunday Feb. 2. It is very gratifying to note that Mr. Helm favors the Kenyon-Sanders anti-shiping bill.

There'll be Running.

There are three Republican aspirants in Cumberland county to represent Cumberland and Adair in the next Legislature. Dr. A. W. Clasp, of Kettle, Dr. W. S. Taylor, of Marrowbone, and J. O. Huddleston, of Waterville are all candidates for the above honors and submit their claims to the action of the Republican party in the August primary.

Chapman Bros., Glensfork, Adair county, realizing that the way to sell goods is to let the people know what they have to sell, giving prices, etc., occupy the second page of The News this week, telling the trade of their great bargains. It is of an enterprising firm, and the great inducements offered is bound to prove profitable to the purchaser. Call at this store and see what printers ink will do in drawing crowds. There will be salesmen to wait upon all callers.

Special Notice.

Parties indebted to the firm of Drs. Russell & Hindman for medical services and wishing to settle their accounts with the doctors will please do so before Feb. 10, as said firm has dissolved partnership and will after that date place all their accounts in the hands of a collector. All accounts due said firm must be settled by that time some way, as the doctors will after that keep separate accounts while they still occupy the same office.

After the town mail was put in the office the announcement of the death of Mr. J. D. Walker, of this place, came. A more extended notice of the death of this good man will appear next week.